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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, will the Government consider the question as a general one and work out a formula for sharing the inter-State river waters with reference to judicial pronouncements on agrarian rights of the different regions served by the rivers?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Harijan Welfare Elementary Schools

* 134 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state— 1[illegible]- a.m.

(*a*) the number of Harijan Welfare Elementary Schools in the State district-wise;

(*b*) the number of teachers working in such schools grade-wise; and

(*c*) the number of teachers confirmed so far?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) to (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, what is the reason for forty-five per cent of the teachers being kept unconfirmed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I have not got the information with me now. But the Director of Harijan Welfare has promised to send proposals for each district separately in order to avoid delay in confirmation.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government assure us that in all the posts which have been continuing at least for three years, teachers will be confirmed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I cannot give an assurance now.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal at least to increase the number of confirmed teachers? It is only 55 now.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : It will be considered. I have already answered the hon. Member's supplementary question.

Kodaikanal Municipality

* 135 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Adminisatration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to convert Kodaikanal Municipality into a Township;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to develop Kodaikanal as a tourist centre; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 452 supra.

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following schemes have been tentatively proposed for execution during the Third Five-Year Plan :—

(1) Construction of two rest-houses at Kodaikanal at a cost of Rs. 2·5 lakhs each.

(2) Improvement of Golf Course at Kodaikanal at a cost of Rs. 30,000.

(3) Expansion of boating facilities at Kodaikanal at a cost of Rs. 25,000.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : கொடைக்கானல் முனிஸிபாலிட்டியின் வருவாய் குறைவாக இருப்பதால், அதை ஒரு டவுன்ஷிப்பாக, மாற்றினல் அரசாங்கம் அதிக மான்யம் கொடுக்கும், அப்பொழுது எல்லா சௌகரியங்களும் செய்துகொள்ளலாம் என்பதற்காக அதை அப்படி மாற்றுவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. இப்பொழுது தேர்தல் ஒத்திப்போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. எப்பொழுது அதைச் செய்யப் போகிருர்கள் ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : டவுன்ஷிப்பாக மாற்றுவது அரசாங்கம் மான்யம் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்துடன் அல்ல. யாத்திரிகர்களுக்கு வசதிகள் செய்துகொடுக்க வேண்டும். அங்குள்ள வருமானம் போதாததினல், யாத்திரிகர்களுக்குப் பல வசதிகள் செய்ய முடியவில்லே. ஆகவே, அதை டவுன்ஷிப்பாக ஆக்க வேண்டுமென்ற எண்ணம் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு இருக்கிறது.

Bus routes

* 136 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the number of bus routes classified under 'Short Routes' opened in each district since August 1958; and

(b) the number of permits granted therefor to new entrants in each district?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) & (b) A statement [a] containing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, have the Government reviewed the working of the new rules for the grant of permits issued in 1958? Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government would consider the question of liberalising the rules for opening more routes for new comers?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : We have not formed any new routes as such. In the last G.O. which was issued, we have enabled the Transport Authorities to consider the requests of new comers. It has been working for the last one year. I remember assuring the other House, I think, that this would be reviewed at the proper time and as soon as possible. But I cannot fix a date.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on page 452 infra.